



General

2001 Nebraska Summary

Agriculture contributed nearly nine billion dollars in cash receipts (excluding government payments) to Nebraska's economy in 2000. Livestock and livestock products accounted for 66 percent of the total with crops accounting for the remaining 34 percent. Cash receipts from cattle accounted for over half of the total followed by corn, soybeans, hogs, and wheat. Nebraska ranks in the top ten states nationally in all of its major crop and livestock items except wheat.

Acres planted to corn and sorghum were down in 2001 making way for more soybeans to be planted in the State. Acres devoted to other crops were down as well, except for oats and millet which showed strong increases over year ago levels. Average crop yields for the 2001 season were well above 2000, when severe drought conditions hit many areas of Nebraska.

Cattle inventory continued to decline in the current cattle cycle. In addition, Nebraska's farms and ranches had less hogs, sheep, and chickens than the previous year.

Nebraska's 53,000 farms and ranches cover 46.4 million acres, or 94 percent of the 49.2 million acres in the State. The number of farms is down 61 percent from the 1934 peak when there were 135,000 farms in the State. Land in farms declined by 2 million acres in the last fifty years. The land in farms series began in 1950 with 48.4 million acres. Average size of farm has nearly doubled during this same time period, from 444 acres in 1950 to 875 acres in 2001. During 2001, numbers of farms and ranches in Nebraska with less than \$100,000 in agricultural sales declined 1,500, while operations with more than \$100,000 increased 500 over a year earlier.

Rank in U.S. Agriculture: Nebraska, 2001 ¹

Commodity	Rank	Commodity	Rank
Corn for Grain	3	Potatoes	12
Corn for Silage	6	Sugar Beets	8
Sorghum for Grain	3	All Cattle and Calves	3
Sorghum for Silage	5	Beef Cows	4
Oats	10	Milk Cows	30
Barley	26	All Cattle on Feed	3
All Wheat	12	All Hogs and Pigs	7
Winter Wheat	7	All Sheep and Lambs	16
Soybeans	5	Wool Production	17
All Sunflowers	6	Chickens	12
All Hay	6	Egg Production	10
Alfalfa Hay	3	Honey Production	18
All Other Hay	9	Number of Farms	16
Dry Edible Beans	2	Land in Farms	4

¹ Rank based on production for crops, wool, eggs and honey; inventory for livestock; and total number or acres for farms.